

**District Chairperson Notes
Valley City – Conference Call
March 24, 2021**

The Class B District Chair meeting was held on March 24, 2021 via conference call. Chairman Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with 16 districts represented. Chairman Jordan welcomed the district chairpersons and thanked them for representing their district.

The Executive Director thanked the member schools for past service as district chairs. Forms were previously emailed to district chairs requesting information on 2022 basketball district chairperson and district recommendations for district and region sites, dates and managers. Fetsch informed the chairs of the approval process and timeline for approving district and region sites. Items preceded by an asterisk (*) were voted on while other items were for discussion only. Items approved by nine or more of the districts in attendance are forwarded to Athletic Review for consideration. Fetsch also explained only district chair recommendations approved by Athletic Review will continue to the NDHSAA Board for review.

Each district was given the opportunity to present their district's recommendations and discussion items, which are listed as submitted.

District 1-----Kent Dennis, Principal/AD Hankinson HS

1. No items

District 2-----Calvin Kraft, AD Enderlin HS

1. No items

District 3-----Patti Aanenson, AD Larimore HS

1. * Consider shortening warm-up times for volleyball and basketball such as:
 - a. Volleyball – 20 minutes for varsity and 15 for sub-varsity
 - b. Basketball – 15 minutes for varsity and 12 for sub-varsity
 - c. Discussion included the shortened time may not allow the players that play varsity and JV enough time to change uniforms. Volleyball would require a regulation change as warmup time is in regulations. Basketball would not require a change as warm up time is not in regulations. Vote Request withdrawn.
2. * Would like the NDHSAA to pursue Class B wrestling region realignment.
 - a. Discussion included the wrestling regions are not even at this time. This may not be possible due to geography. Fetsch indicated the coaches advisory discussed this at their meeting. Did not make formal recommendation, however they would like it looked at. **Vote: Yes (16-0) Passed**
3. * Would like three coaching badges at state wrestling tournament.
 - a. Discussion included with an increase in mats at the state tournament, there were matches that were not able to have a coach on every mat. **Vote: Yes (16-0) Passed**

District 4-----Sandy Laxdal, Principal/AD Cavalier HS

1. No items

District 5-----Lucas Isaacson, Principal/AD LaMoure HS

1. Discussion about low girls basketball numbers.
 - a. Wondering if other schools are seeing a decline in the number of girls basketball participants. Would like to know if any other districts have ideas of how to increase girls basketball participation. Fetsch shared girls basketball, boys basketball and volleyball participation numbers back to 2002. Boys and girls basketball have decreased in participation numbers at proportionate levels. Volleyball participation has remained steady. It was questioned if the numbers would increase if the boys and girls basketball seasons were switched. Isaacson indicated if any schools have any ideas to explore increasing participation to contact him.

District 6-----Ryan Larson, AD Kidder County HS

1. * Baseball: Request to remove "Days of Rest" requirements for NDHSAA "Postseason 3 consecutive-day tournaments" and simply enforce a tournament maximum pitch count per pitcher of 120, 125, 130, or 135. (Final max # determined by baseball committee) **Vote: Yes (9-7) Passed**

District 7-----Chad Berger, AD Dakota Prairie HS

1. No items

District 8-----Brad Fitzgerald, AD St. John HS

1. No items

District 9-----Jerome Slag/AD New Salem-Almont HS

1. Would like to have girls and boys basketball players be able to play 7 quarters per day instead of 6.
 - a. Topic covered in District 13 request.
2. Wondering why it was \$10 per person at all regional games and wondering what it may look like in the future.

- a. Region price set by the NDHSAA Board in the fall. The Board made a commitment to have tournaments and there was a need to limit attendance. The Board does not have a desire to have students pay \$10 for attendance. The Combined Tournament Committee and the NDHSAA Board will be addressing ticket prices at their next meetings.
3. Would like a written description of how regional and state officials are selected.
 - a. Jerome Slag is interested in how region officials are selected as their districts are moving to a super-region. The schools within their districts have always had the ability to choose their district officials and would like something written down so the process is clear. The first-round officials in super-regions are selected by schools. Second round officials need to complete more requirements and are selected by NDHSAA with input from coaches and workshop supervisors.

District 10-----Jason Ermer, AD Garrison HS

1. No items

District 11-----Steve Heim, AD Drake-Anamoose HS

1. No items

District 12-----Lyll Krueger, AD Surrey HS

1. No items

District 13-----Daryl Jung, AD New England HS

1. * Would like to have girls and boys basketball players be able to play 7 quarters per day instead of 6.
 - a. In favor of this due to low participation numbers. There is a fear this would cause coaches to move jr. high players up. **Vote: Yes (10-6) Passed**

District 14-----Jason Simpfenderfer, AD Beulah HS

1. No items

District 15-----Bob Turcotte, AD Trenton HS

1. No items

District 16-----Julie Termine, AD Burke Central HS

1. Baseball: Play-in games should not count toward region tournament pitch count. For example, we have a play-in game on the Tuesday before the Saturday start of our tournament that ends on the following Tuesday. Currently, total pitch count and appearances for the play-in counts towards the region tournament.
 - a. This will be covered by the request from District 6.
2. Baseball: Do not use the region tournament in counting the maximum allowable contests. There should be a regular season limit just like other sports, in which the postseason does not count towards that season total. The way our Region 7 Tournament is set up, we can play 2 to 8 games depending on tournament play, so we have to take that into account when scheduling games. We feel that between establishing a regular-season limitation and the pitch count, there are enough limitations in place to protect the players in the post season.
 - a. Other districts indicated their teams do not come close to the maximum number of games allowed.
3. Volleyball: Change the required time for the varsity team to be on the court from 25 to 20 minutes.
 - a. This was covered by District 3 discussion.